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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - EU-U.S. SUMMIT

11. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Tuesday morning included Tuesday's press conference by Prime Minister Fukuda, in which he unveiled a "vision" regarding Japan's efforts to combat global warming.

12. "Europeans Distancing Themselves from U.S." The top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri wrote from Ljubljana, Slovenia, where an EU-U.S. summit will be held today (6/10): "The summit will be President Bush's last venue for dialogue with Europeans before he leaves office in about seven months. European interest in the U.S., however, has already drifted away from the Bush administration, with attention now being paid to the foreign policy of the next U.S. administration.... In the cool judgment that the Bush administration no longer has the power to persuade Congress on major policy issues and that any returns from the U.S. through hard negotiations would be limited, European officials have low expectations for the summit.... Because of the generational change in the leadership of Germany and France, there appear to be no major divisive policy items between the U.S. and Europe other than climate change. The Europeans, however, are steadily distancing themselves from President Bush."

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